

**BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BUDGET
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2014, 6:30 PM**

The Yeadon Borough Council Meeting at Yeadon Borough Hall on the above date. President Sharon Council called the meeting to order at 6:45 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: President Sharon Council, Vice- President Nelva Wright, and Councilors Clara Johnson, Learin Johnson, Rosalind Jones-Johnson, Dolores McCabe, and Gracie Snead. Also present were Mayor Rohan Hepkins, Borough Manager Larry Healy, Solicitor Raymond Santarelli and Finance Director Joseph Possenti, Jr.

CITIZEN FORUM:

Terry McGirth: Questioned budget categories and asked for categories to be broken down.

Cliff Brock: Emphasis to keep recreation funds for kids. Objected to management firm and manager savings on backs of workers. Stated streets need repair.

Dr. Carolina Harris: A budget meeting should be public and council going over budget together and engaging the community.

Joseph Possenti: Changes to administration and finance will save the borough \$105,000. He met with all Department Heads and is getting roster and cell phone lists. General fund supports Refuse and Sewer. Keystone collects 1% earned income tax. Yeadon has a higher median income than some neighboring communities. He will meet with Portonoff regarding liens on delinquent properties.

Councilor Snead: Recommended pulling audits.

Councilor Jones-Johnson: General Fund is not paying for Sewer and Refuse. Borough had taken out a Tax Anticipation Loan, only Council prepares budget. Objected to Possenti's recommended changes to budget.

J. Possenti: High cost of Animal Control \$47,000 budgeted.

Councilor Clara Johnson: Mentioned removal of skunk and deer.

J. Possenti: Beneficial bank is closing Yeadon office and charges high fees. He is getting proposals from Sharon, Citizens and Sovereign Banks.

Vice-President Wright: Suggested looking at Credit Unions.

Councilor Jones-Johnson: Management Firm budget \$201,250. Objects to category 401-121. Discussion between Council over hiring of Management Firm and Court decision.

Councilor Clara Johnson: Said she was in court and agreed with statements regarding Judge's decision.

Councilor Jones-Johnson: Claimed Judge said a Firm cannot be hired.

Terry McGirth: Read Judge's decision to deny petition.

J. Possenti: Firms monthly fee is \$22,000.

Dr. Harris: Suggested consolidation of office supplies and questioned phone service, contracted services, buyback of employees' unused time off, and Elm Street project.

Councilor Jones-Johnson: Explained façade repair as an example of contracted service, said Elm Street Representative did report back.

Vice-President Wright: Elm Street is still ongoing.

Dr. Harris: Apply for more funds.

President Council: Noted other deprived areas need help.

Councilor Jones-Johnson: CDBG Grants are based on 2000 Census.

Dr. Harris: Has HUD experience. 2010 Census has different demographics.

Cliff Brock: Against \$105,000 savings achieved through layoffs.

Leslie McGirth: Too many potholes on Church Lane and drugs being sold on Church Lane.

Councilor Jones-Johnson: Installation of cameras on Church Lane, Public Works and Parks was budgeted.

Councilor Snead: Wants further breakdown of categories, population dictates number of police officers.

Councilor Jones-Johnson: 5 year plan recommends Community Police. Department does not need a Lieutenant.

A motion to adjourn was made by:

Vice-President Wright, seconded by Councilor Learin Johnson.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence W. Healy
Borough Secretary